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118TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. RUIZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Medi-  
5       care for Patients and Providers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSITION TO AN UPDATE TO A SINGLE CONVER-**  
2 **SION FACTOR UNDER THE MEDICARE PHYSI-**  
3 **CIAN FEE SCHEDULE BASED ON THE MEDI-**  
4 **CARE ECONOMIC INDEX.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1848(d) of the Social Se-  
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(d)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (19)—

8 (A) in the header, by striking “2025” and  
9 inserting “2023”; and

10 (B) by striking “2025” and inserting  
11 “2023”; and

12 (2) by amending paragraph (20) to read as fol-  
13 lows:

14 “(20) UPDATE FOR 2024 AND SUBSEQUENT  
15 YEARS.—The update to the single conversion factor  
16 established in paragraph (1)(C) for 2024 and each  
17 subsequent year shall be equal to the Secretary’s es-  
18 timate of the percentage increase in the MEI (as de-  
19 fined in section 1842(i)(3)) for the year.”.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR A  
21 SINGLE CONVERSION FACTOR AFTER 2025.—Section  
22 1848(d)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
23 1395w–4(d)(1)(A)) is amended—

24 (1) by striking “and ending with 2025”; and

1           (2) by striking “There shall be two separate  
2           conversion factors” and all that follows through the  
3           end of the subparagraph.